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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF SAIC SEDILLO

FOR AMBASSADOR STEDMAN
FROM: AMBASSADOR VANCE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SHLAUDEMANN

1. WE HAVE AGAIN DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH DEA HEADQUARTERS. THE LETTER TO YOU FROM MR. BARTELS CITED IN STATE 161963 WITH REGARD TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF MR. SEDILLO AND CONTAINING BIOGRAPHIC DATA WAS DATED JULY 22, BUT WAS NOT SENT UNTIL ABOUT A WEEK LATER. THE LETTER WAS NOT REGISTERED AND EXACT POUCH DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED. DEA IS TRANSMITTING TEXT BY SEPARATE CABLE. IN ADDITION, BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON MR. SEDILLO PROVIDED BY DEA WAS TRANSMITTED TO LA PAZ BY ROUTINE TITLES AND RANK AIRGRAM A-5953 OF JULY 29.

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2. WITH REGARD TO PROCEDURES SURROUNDING MR. SEDILLO'S TRAVEL TO LA PAZ, SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT MR. SEDILLO WAS LOCATED IN MEXICO CITY. HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AND INITIATED TRAVEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEA TRAVEL ORDERS THAT INSTRUCTED HIM TO ARRIVE IN LA PAZ ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 4. DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND DEA HEADQUARTERS, MR. SEDILLO WAS NEVER INSTRUCTED NOT TO TRAVEL PENDING RECEIPT OF YOUR CONCURRENCE.

3. IT IS PRECISELY TO ESTABLISH AN ORDERLY PROCEDURE AND TO PREVENT THIS KIND OF CONFUSION IN THE FUTURE THAT AMBASSADOR VANCE WROTE TO MR. BARTELS ON JULY 23 ASKING THAT BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PROPOSED DEA SAIC'S AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND TRANSMITTAL TO AMBASSADORS. A COPY OF THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU BY POUCH.

4. THE DEPARTMENT AND DEA HEADQUARTERS REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS HAS CAUSED. KISSINGER

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